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REPORT OF PLAN FOR NEW FRENCH ATOMIC ENERGY INSTALLATIONS

L'Usine Nouvelle of 8 January 1953 carried the following report:

"A correspondent for France-Presse at Nimes believes that certain new industrial establishments called for in the Five-Year Plan for Atomic Energy are to be built in Gard Department within the communal boundaries of Chusclan and Codolet. The two communes are 5 kilometers apart, located near the Ceze River, not far from its confluence with the Rhone.

"It is reported that the new installations will house powerful atomic piles (about 100,000 kilowatts) used for producing large quantities of plutonium. When sufficient production is attained, the 'secondary reactors' or piles, operating not on uranium but on plutonium, will be built, permitting the energy produced to be converted to mechanical power."

In its issue of 22 January 1953, L'Usine Nouvelle states that the French Atomic Energy Commission is planning construction of certain plants at Chusclan and Codolet for purely industrial purposes.

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